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SUBJECT: US STEEL/UNIDO PROJECT TO ASSIST EGYPTIAN
IRON AND STEEL COMPANY (EISC)
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REFERENCES: (A) CAIRO 17240; (B) VIENNA 1124
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1. SUMMARY. OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN
PROGRAMS (DHP), DEPT OF STATE ON DEC 16 CONTACTED

J. DAVID CARR, V.P., USS ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS, INC.,
SUBSIDIARY OF US STEEL CORP. MR. CARR OUTLINED SERIES
OF ACTIONS ALREADY UNDERWAY TO RECONCILE ALL DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN US STEEL, GOVT OF EGYPT, AND UNIDO. CORP PRE-
SENTLY ENTERTAINS NO PLANS TO WITHDRAW FROM PROJECT.
END SUMMARY.

2. MR. CARR VERIFIED EMBASSY CAIRO UNDERSTANDING THAT
US STEEL PROJECT DIRECTOR, DAVID KERR, HAS RETURNED TO
THE U.S. MR. LUTHER STEVENS WILL BE ACTING PROJECT
DIRECTOR UNTIL AT LEAST LATE JANUARY 1977.

3. MR. CARR IDENTIFIED CRISIS IN DIFFERENCES AS IN-
CONCLUSIVE NOV 10 MEETING IN EGYPT BETWEEN U.S. STEEL,

UNDP, AND GOVT OF EGYPT. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT UNIDO DID
NOT ACCEPT LATEST REPORT BY U.S. STEEL AND SPECULATES
THAT UNIDO IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM USSR.

4. MR. CARR REPORTED TO DHP THAT FOLLOWING INCONCLUSIVE
NOV. 10 MEETING EGYPTIAN DEPUTY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(FATTAH) VISITED HIM IN PITTSBURGH AND HELD LONG CON-
VERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS INCLUDING U.S. STEEL
PRESIDENT.

5. CARR PLANS TO VISIT UNIDO SECRETARIAT VIENNA
JANUARY 17-20 TO MEET WITH CHIEF OF PURCHASING AND
CONTRACTING SERVICES OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION
(DONALD MANT - UK) AND WITH CONTRACT OFFICER IN MANT'S
SECTION (DAVID ROBERTS - USA) WHO ALLEGES U.S. STEEL
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RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH KERR DOES NOT BELIEVE ARE IN
THE CONTRACT. BOTH MANT AND CARR SIGNED THE PROJECT
CONTRACT.

6. CARR NEXT PLANS TO TRAVEL TO EGYPT JANUARY 21 AND TO
MEET WITH HEAD OF EGYPTIAN IRON AND STEEL CORPORATION
JANUARY 22. IF VIENNA AND CAIRO MEETINGS IRON OUT ALL
DISAGREEMENTS, NEW PROJECT MANAGER (NAME UNKNOWN)
TRAVELING WITH CARR WILL BE INSTALLED FORTHWITH.

7. CARR PROMISED TO CONTACT U.S. MISSION TO UNIDO AND
EMBASSY CAIRO AND TO KEEP EMBASSY CAIRO, U.S. MISSION
TO UNIDO AND DHP INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. THE EXPRESS
PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP IS TO MAKE THE PROJECT WORK.
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